


Survey ⁴

 This is a preview of the published version of the quiz

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Quiz Instructions

Cornell seeks to gauge student knowledge and views about sustainability and climate change before they start classes here. This survey includes 16 questions (32 total items), which we will ask again in the future to see what students have learned over time at Cornell.

We are looking to understand current levels of knowledge and views, so please respond based on what you already know. All responses are helpful!

Your responses to these questions will be anonymous and aggregated into summary results that will be shared with the Campus Sustainability Office, the Sustainable Cornell Council, and faculty conducting research on the sustainability curriculum. We hope to use survey responses for future research, and this [Consent Form](#) pertains to that research. You will have the opportunity to opt-in or opt-out of the research study prior to beginning the survey.

Question 1	0 pts
To complete the Mission Sustainability course, you will need to complete the following survey. You can choose whether or not to have your responses included as part of our research study, which will inform future improvements to this course. Responses will be anonymous and aggregated into summary results. Please indicate your consent to participate below. <i>Note: If you are under 18 years old, please select "No." Your responses cannot be included in this study.</i>	
<input type="radio"/> Yes, I agree to have my responses included in the study	
<input type="radio"/> No, I do not want my responses included in the study	

Question 2	0 pts
Please indicate your year at Cornell	
<input type="radio"/> First-year	
<input type="radio"/> Sophomore	
<input type="radio"/> Junior	
<input type="radio"/> Senior	
<input type="radio"/> Graduate & Professional Student	

Question 3	0 pts
In which college are you enrolled?	
<input type="radio"/> College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	
<input type="radio"/> College of Architecture, Art and Planning	
<input type="radio"/> College of Arts and Sciences	
<input type="radio"/> Cornell SC Johnson College of Business	
<input type="radio"/> College of Engineering	
<input type="radio"/> College of Human Ecology	
<input type="radio"/> School of Industrial and Labor Relations	
<input type="radio"/> Graduate & Professional School	

Question 4	0 pts
What is the most common cause of pollution of streams and rivers?	
<input type="radio"/> Dumping of garbage by cities	
<input type="radio"/> Surface water running off yards, city streets, paved lots, and farm fields	
<input type="radio"/> Litter near streams and rivers	
<input type="radio"/> Waste dumped by factories	

Question 5	0 pts
Ozone forms a protective layer in the earth's upper atmosphere. What does ozone protect us from?	
<input type="radio"/> Acid rain	
<input type="radio"/> Climate change	
<input type="radio"/> Sudden changes in temperature	
<input type="radio"/> Harmful UV rays	

Question 6	0 pts
Which of the following is an example of sustainable forest management?	
<input type="radio"/> Setting aside forests to be off limits to the public	
<input type="radio"/> Never harvesting more than what the forest produces in new growth	
<input type="radio"/> Producing lumber for nearby communities to build affordable housing	
<input type="radio"/> Putting the local communities in charge of forest resources	

Question 7	0 pts
Of the following, which would be considered living in the most environmentally sustainable way?	
<input type="radio"/> Recycling all recyclable packaging	
<input type="radio"/> Reducing consumption of all products	
<input type="radio"/> Buying products labeled "eco" or "green"	
<input type="radio"/> Buying the newest products available	

Question 8	0 pts
Which of the following is the most commonly used definition of sustainable development?	
<input type="radio"/> Creating a government welfare system that ensures universal access to education, health care, and social services	
<input type="radio"/> Setting aside resources for preservation, never to be used	
<input type="radio"/> Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs	
<input type="radio"/> Building a neighborhood that is both socio-demographically and economically diverse	

Question 9	0 pts
Over the past 3 decades, what has happened to the difference between the wealth of the richest and poorest people in the United States?	
<input type="radio"/> The difference has increased	
<input type="radio"/> The difference has stayed about the same	
<input type="radio"/> The difference has decreased	

Question 10	0 pts
Many economists argue that electricity prices in the United States are too low because...	
<input type="radio"/> They do not reflect the costs of pollution from generating the electricity	
<input type="radio"/> Too many suppliers go out of business	
<input type="radio"/> Electric companies have a monopoly in their service areas	
<input type="radio"/> Consumers spend only a small part of their income on energy	

Question 11	0 pts
Which of the following is a leading cause of the depletion of fish stocks in the Atlantic Ocean?	
<input type="radio"/> Fishers seeking to maximize their catch	
<input type="radio"/> Reduced fish fertility due to genetic hybridization	
<input type="radio"/> Ocean pollution	
<input type="radio"/> Global climate change	

Question 12	0 pts
Which of the following are examples of environmental justice issues? (Check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban citizens win a bill to have toxic wastes taken to rural communities	
<input type="checkbox"/> The government dams a river, flooding Native American tribal lands to create hydro-power for large cities	
<input type="checkbox"/> All stakeholders from an indigenous community are involved in setting a quota for the amount of wood they can take from a protected forest next to their village	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-national corporations build factories in developing countries where environmental laws are less strict	

Question 13	0 pts
Which of the following activities has the largest environmental impact?	
<input type="radio"/> Keeping a cell phone charger plugged into an electrical outlet for 12 hours	
<input type="radio"/> Producing one fast-food quarter-pound hamburger	
<input type="radio"/> Producing one fast-food chicken sandwich	
<input type="radio"/> Flying in a commercial airplane from Washington D.C. to China	

Question 14	0 pts
How concerned are you about the state of the natural environment?	
<input type="radio"/> Not at all concerned	
<input type="radio"/> A little concerned	
<input type="radio"/> Moderately concerned	
<input type="radio"/> Very concerned	
<input type="radio"/> Extremely concerned	

Question 15	0 pts
Now, please think about the average Cornell student . In your best guess, how concerned do you think they are about the state of the natural environment?	
<input type="radio"/> Not at all concerned	
<input type="radio"/> A little concerned	
<input type="radio"/> Moderately concerned	
<input type="radio"/> Very concerned	
<input type="radio"/> Extremely concerned	

Question 16	0 pts
For each of the following items, please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the statement.	
Equal rights for all people strengthens a community	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Community cooperation is necessary to solve social problems	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Generally speaking consumerism is not sustainable	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Access to clean water is a universal human right	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
I am willing to put forth a little more effort in my daily life to reduce my environmental impact	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
An unsustainable economy values personal wealth at the costs of others	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
I believe that many people can work together to solve global problems	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Clean air is part of a good life	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Our present consumption of natural resources will result in serious environmental challenges for future generations	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
The well-being of others affects me	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Biological diversity in itself is good	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Climate change is an unstoppable process, we cannot do anything about it.	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
I think hazardous facilities are more common in minority communities.	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
For economic reasons, minority communities are forced to accept more industrial pollution than non-minority communities.	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Minority communities lack the political clout to stop hazardous facilities from being located near them.	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
The government should restrict the placing of hazardous facilities in minority communities.	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>

Question 17	0 pts
Which of these motivate you to engage in sustainable behaviors? (Choose all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friends	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Protecting human health & well-being	
<input type="checkbox"/> Protecting animals & ecosystems	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saving money	
<input type="checkbox"/> Influencing systems to change	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting social justice	
<input type="checkbox"/> Concerns about my future	
<input type="checkbox"/> Concerns about the future of others	
<input type="checkbox"/> It's the right thing to do to make the world a better place	
<input type="checkbox"/> None of these - I'm really just not interested in sustainability	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - something not listed	

Please click "Submit Quiz" to complete the survey.	
Curious to know the answers to the first twelve questions? Well, we would love to share, but ... this survey is designed to test us, your educators and staff partners at Cornell, to see how well we provide students with the tools you need to learn about climate change and sustainability. To see the right answers, we'll need you to take the follow-up survey in the future.	